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Nov. 2010 Minutes

VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP
NOVEMBER 18, 2010 MEETING

SUSTAINABLE ARLINGTON
Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Shelly Dein, Todd Hay, Elizabeth Karpati, Ryan Katofsky, David Landskov, Gail McCormick, Charlotte Milan, Brucie Moulton, Scott Samenfild, Brian _____.

Facilitator: Charlotte Milan **Minutes:** Elizabeth Karpati

Minutes approved as presented, Dec. 15, 2010.

Next meeting: Wed. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall Annex, first or second floor?

- The **minutes** of the October meeting were approved as presented.

Coming events:

- Monday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m.: meeting with representatives of Save That Stuff on composting,
- 350.org will have Global Art Week next week: people lining up in patterns which will be covered by satellite and shown on the Web.
- The Dec. 15 SA meeting will be a short one followed by socializing – bring finger food or something to drink.
- Gail will work on setting up meeting dates and rooms for next year.

“Windows on Water,” October 21:

- The event was successful; 40+ people attended, at least 17 new to SA. Notes summarizing the discussions were posted on the website.
- Charlotte wrote a grant asking NEGEF for funds for a rain garden. The new “Grow Native Arlington” group of about 55 members is interested in rain gardens. The Fresh Pond reservation has a rain garden or swale. The group discussing stormwater was interested in permeable surfaces, possibly for the Mass. Ave. project.
- We should have more water-related events, and/or letters or articles in the *Arlington Advocate*, before the March 2011 EcoFest. Brucie has compiled a list of possible films for a film series. Charlotte has talked to the high school SAVE group; they suggest having some fun films as well as educational ones.
- Reviews of films (and books) on water-related topics by SA members could be posted on a Wiki account, which can be read by anyone but only registered persons can edit it.
- We’ll need publicity, which is easier for a series than for a single event.

Other:

- **PAYT/SMART:** There is a discussion about it on the Arlington List. The Town Manager’s draft budget doesn’t include it, but the census survey for January 2011 has a question about it.
- DPW wants to get SMART introduced before tackling curbside composting, but the Town has a grant for curbside bins, and the state is considering getting an anaerobic digester for material collected in such bins, called SSO = source separated organics.
- It was suggested that **Facebook** could be used to reach out to younger people. The Website and Outreach committees will consider whether the effort is likely to be worth it. Or publish a newsletter?
- The **Energy Working Group** reported that the contract for installing PV on the Ottoson School has been awarded. The EWG is trying to create a revolving energy efficiency fund.

Steering Committee for next year: All those nominated agreed to serve and were elected:

- Officers: Co-chairs – Charlotte Milan and Gail McCormick; Secretary – Elizabeth Karpati. (No Treasurer since we have no money)
- Permanent committee chairs: Outreach – Brucie Moulton; Website – Scott Samenfeld.
- Liaisons: Energy Working Group – Ryan Katofsky and Shelly Dein; MCAN – Deanne Dupont; Vision 2020 – rotating. Yahoo list moderator: David Landskov.